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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2003

A new year has dawned and we hope that the holidays and celebrations leading up to it were happy and restful for all. May this new year be one filled with *every good wish, lots of enjoyment and only good health and prosperity*, as you pursue your hobbies.

## CHRISTMAS WOODS:

Many of the Christmas woods, of which I am aware, are illustrated in this newsletter. All others that I receive will be shown in a future edition of 'Timber Talk'. Some members include information on how to obtain their wood and if so, I include that information beside the illustration. If not, I show the member's address and assume that the wood can be obtained with a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) from the issuer. Thank you to all who have sent their wood(s) or a picture of it to me.

## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS FOR 2003:

Just a reminder to send along your subscription renewal form (placed in last month's mailing) to our membership chairman, **Al Munro**. Thanks for your prompt response to this.

## CHRISTMAS 2002 WOOD:

Seasons  
Greetings

2002



multi

black  
green

Best Wishes For Health  
Happiness And Prosperity  
Throughout The New Year

DAVE & CAROLYN  
GILLESPIE  
WOODEN 5¢ NICKEL

Dave Gillespie  
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**SPRUCE DOLLARS WANTED:**

Wanted are Prince George Spruce Dollars for:

- No. 6 – 1961 - Canadian Schools Curling Champs
- No. 11 - 1963 - Grand Session IOJO Jobbs Daughters
- No. 28 – 1965 - B.C. C. of C. Golden Jubilee
- No. 145 – 1992 – Convocation Ceremony
- No. 146 – 1994 - Civic Centre

If you have these issues available, please contact **Patrick Whalen** P.O. Box 233, Masury, OH 44438 or 1 – 330 – 448-0708 after 5pm.

**WOODS WANTED:**

Train and Trolley related woods. Boy, Girl, and Cub Scout woods. Goschenhoppen Folk Festival 1975 issue. Churubusco Turtle Days woods. No Bids Please. Send information to **Wallace Krocsko**, P.O. Box 307, Atlasburg, PA 15004.

**FOR SALE:**

One hundred different Canadian 'wooden nickels', of my choice, for \$25.00 Canadian, plus the cost of postage and handling.

Write to **Bob Brown**, P.O. Box 124, Highspire, PA, 17034 or call (717) 944-9586 before 9:00 pm. You can also send me your want list. Woods will be priced at \$.50 and up.

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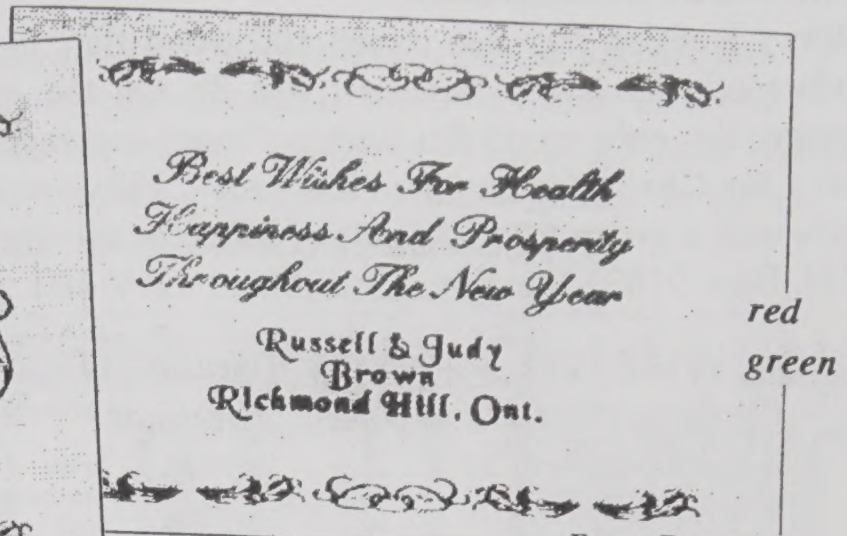
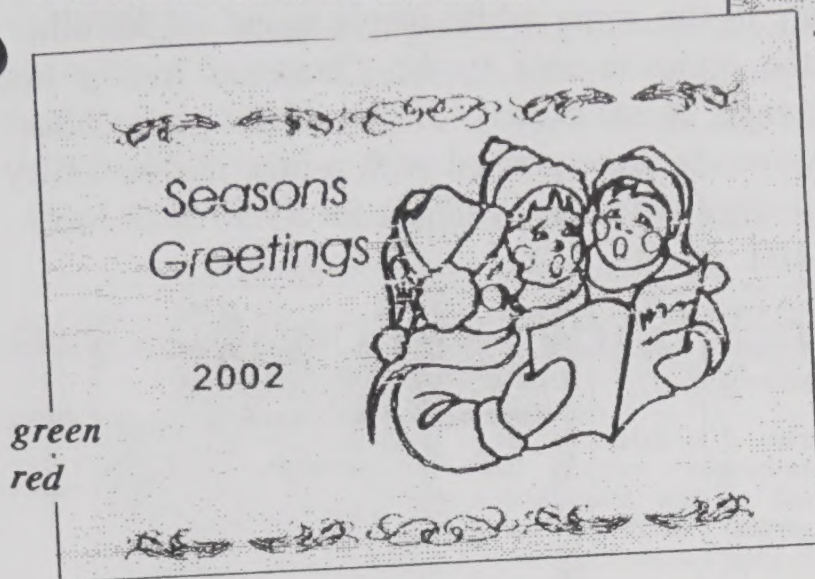
Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH**

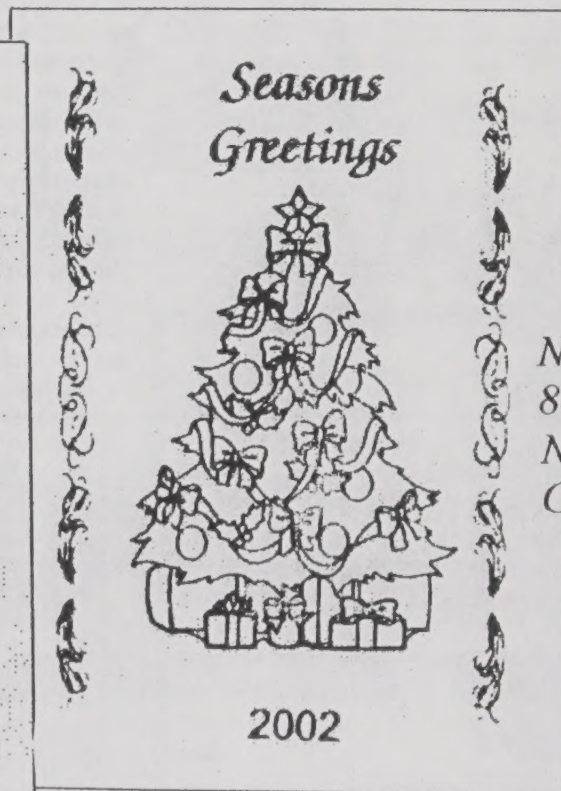
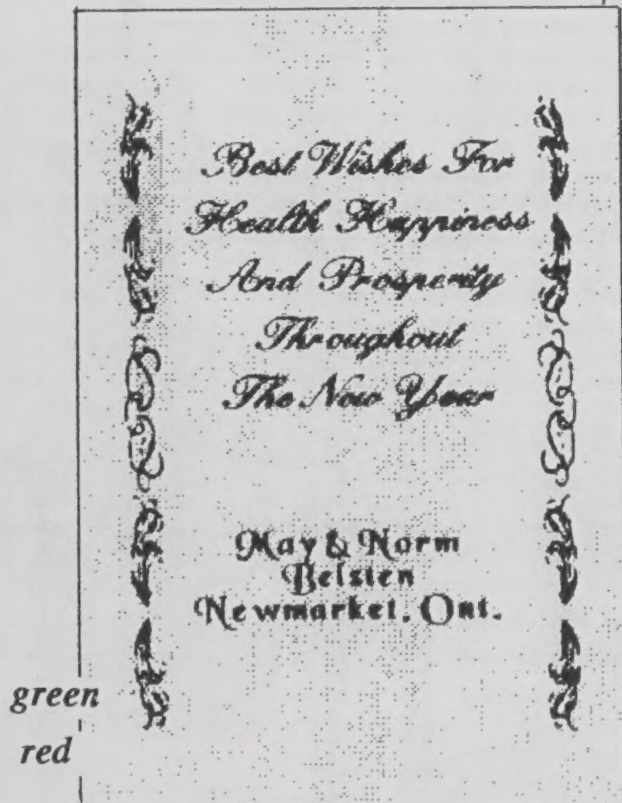
This month's free wood has been supplied by CAWMC member **Noreen Howcroft** and husband **Norm** of Barrie, Ontario. The wood was issued to recognize the twentieth wedding anniversary of their son and daughter-in-law. The date has been corrected, by them, on the wood from August to July. The corrected side is black and the other side is blue. Thank you Noreen and Norm for this wood.



## CHRISTMAS WOODS 2002:

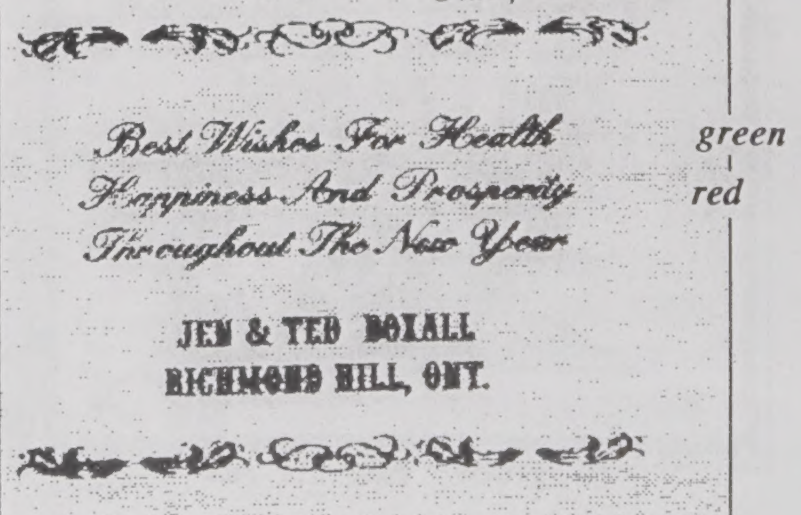
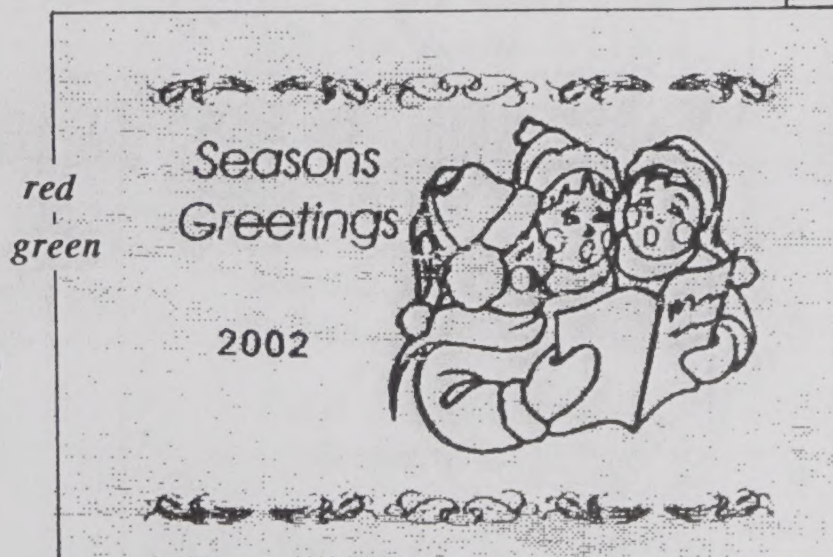


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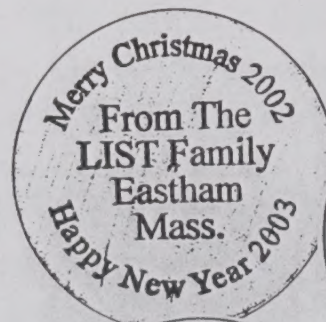
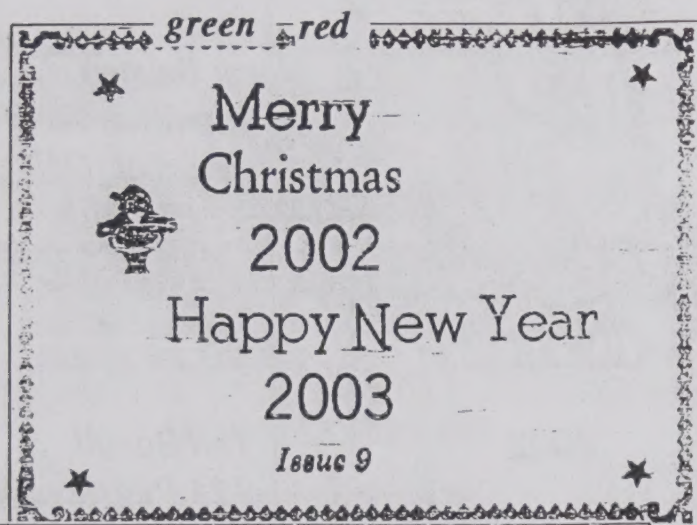
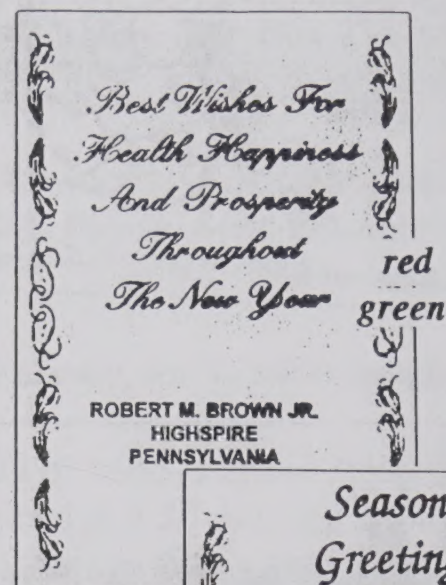
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**CHRISTMAS WOODS 2002:**

Jerry Remick has also issued 100 wood flats in the same white maple wood as the other woods made by Norm Belsten (page 3). On the opposite side to the Christmas tree is his message, the only wood flat with a *French* message. It translates; "Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year." Fifty woods were printed with a *blue* tree and fifty woods with a *green* tree. The pair of different coloured woods is available for \$1.50 from Jerry at P.O. Box 9183, Ste. Foy, Que., Can., G1V 4B1.





## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY:

With this newsletter pertaining mostly to *Christmas* woods, I thought I would include a couple of former "Christmas theme" columns; one written in 1976 by a former CAWMC catalogue producer, the late *Norm Wells* and the second, written in 1986, by a former President of CAWMC, *Stan Clute*. Both, at one time, wrote a column on 'wooden money' in the Canadian Coin News publication which still enjoys a wide distribution today.

-Canadian Coin News, December 20, 1976

## Canadian Wood Chips: Merry Christmas



By Norman Wells

For long lasting Christmas wishes, or season's greetings, send them made of wood.

Yes, there have been some Canadian Christmas wooden nickels and cards issued.

Illustrated with this column is a very colorful Christmas wood issued by Cec. Tannahill in 1969 when he was president of the

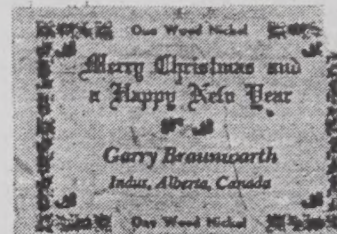
Canadian Numismatic Association.

Mr. Tannahill is a very well known Canadian numismatist and is the author of Trade Tokens, Paper and Wooden Money of Saskatchewan.

The obverse of his Christmas wooden nickel is in two colors. The Indian Head and wording is in green and the Christmas wreath surrounding it is in red. The reverse wording is all in red.

A most appropriate Christmas wooden nickel.

Flat, colorful wooden Christmas cards have been sent out for the past three years by Garry Braunwarth of Calgary, president of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors.



### Season's greetings

Shown here is a small one he issued in 1974 with a red Santa Claus and black wording surrounded by a green Christmas wreath.

The reverse has Christmas wishes, name and address in black, surrounded by a green wreath and red holly berries in the centre and corners.

Garry's 1975 large wooden Christmas card is also in color. The mother and child are in black, with a green border and corner decorations in red.

The reverse features black wording, a green border and red holly and corner decorations.

Both of Garry's cards are very colorful and are welcome gifts at Christmas time.

In keeping with the seasonal cards, I would like to wish one and all a very merry Christmas. I hope that Santa will fill your Christmas stockings with

some of those long sought after wooden nickels.

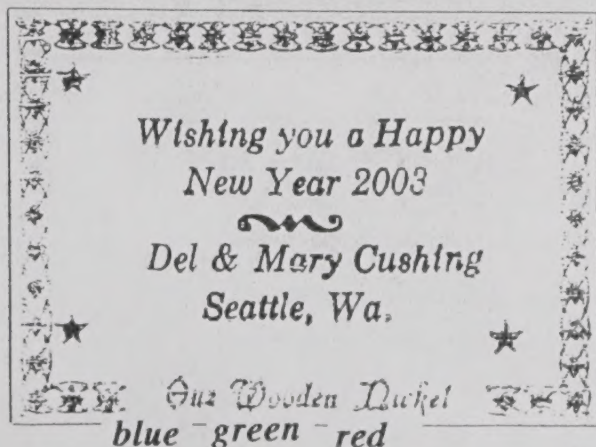
Very best season's greetings to all.



Christmas wood

1969 Issue

## CHRISTMAS 2002 WOOD:



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**A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY: - continued**

— Canadian Coin News, January 21, 1985

**Coin  
Happenings**

Stanley Clute

**Wooden greeting cards**

Now that Christmas is over and a new year has begun, I have had some time to look over the assortment of wooden cards I have received. They are notable for a slightly greater variety of design, this season. This appears reasonable enough when one reflects upon the fact that there are now wooden money manufacturers in Canada, as well as the United States.

The wooden Christmas cards I have received this year from Canada have mostly been flats, although some round issues have been made. I've also received some Christmas rounds from the U.S.

Wooden Christmas cards, especially flats, make a distinctive form of greeting, reflecting the interests of the senders, most of whom are wooden money collectors. Flats come in two basic sizes—roughly 3" x 4" and 2" x 3". The latter can be conveniently stored in regular business card holders. These are wallet-like in style, with vinyl covers and 12 four-pocket pages. The larger format woods can easily be stored in regular paper money holders, or mint set holders.

Being an individualist, I have been experimenting with having wooden cards (flats, that is) produced by the silkscreen printing process. So far, I have had them printed by the signage division at work but, by next Fall, I hope to be in a position to print my own. One problem with the silkscreen process is that fine lines tend not to show up, so all lines must be thick enough to register. I found that out, to my sorrow, with my most recent issue. Another problem is the impossibility of using shading in a design, as shaded areas come out as solid color. This headache caused me to have to redesign the reverse of my 1985 Christmas flat issue, substituting a sprig of holly for the appealing design of deer in a rural evening setting. Too much shaded background would have come out as, you guessed it ... solid colors, and would have turned the scene into a bland silhouette.

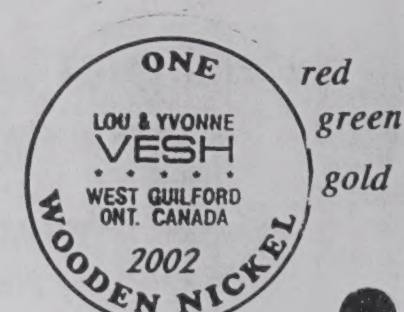
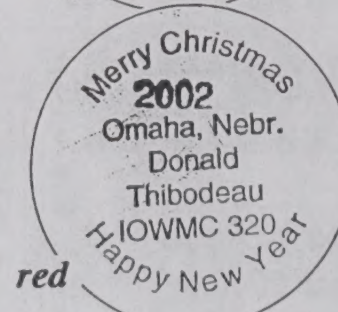
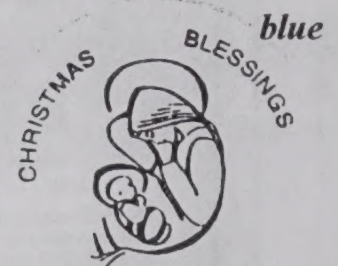
Most of the Christmas flats I see nowadays are printed on thin balsa wood, but occasionally I come across one still printed on veneer. A recent example of the latter is the attractive custom designed wood of Gordon and Betty Stevens of Rock Island, PQ. Incidentally, the verse on this wood,

"We wish you merry Christmastide,  
A day of days so greatly blest  
That when it leaves the calendar  
You'll miss it more than all the rest,"

was taken from an old booklet type Christmas card sent to Gordon's mother prior to 1915.

Last year, I issued 50 fairly thick pieces. I had designs silkscreened onto rectangular pieces cut from some scrap mahogany I had on hand. This production was pretty well a last minute decision, and was done mainly to try out the silkscreen process as a viable method of printing wooden money. For 1985 I used regular format balsa wood blanks, but again had a design printed by silkscreen. My conclusion after two issues have been printed: the process works alright with designs that are not very intricate or fine, but will not replace the more versatile regular method of printing wooden money.

One final note: if you haven't issued any wooden Christmas cards, yet, I urge you to think about doing so for next Christmas. Apart from their collectible aspects, they make distinctive personalized cards which tell the recipients that the sender cared enough to take a little extra trouble with their greetings.

**CHRISTMAS WOODS 2002:**

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